

Exhibit B

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

HANGZHOU CHIC INTELLIGENT and)
UNICORN GLOBAL, INC.,)
Plaintiffs,)
-vs-)
THE PARTNERSHIPS AND) Case No. 20 C 4806
UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS) Chicago, Illinois
IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE "A,") December 2, 2022
Defendants.) 10:00 a.m.

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1 also that the '906 was invented at or around the same time, or
2 this was filed at or around the same time. And so even though
3 it wasn't -- the inventors did not include it or this hadn't
4 been made public at the time that the patents in issue were
5 filed, this is considered prior art in this case.

6 And so the '906 adds to our understanding of what
7 existed at that time.

8 Q. Okay. And can you characterize the '906 patent for us?

9 A. Yes. So we see from the '906 that it is also for a
10 similar-type vehicle, a self-balancing vehicle is our
11 understanding, and we see a very slick race move body.
12 Obviously we are seeing an hourglass shape which we saw in a
13 number of the other prior art as well. That itself was not
14 unique to the '906 when it was filed. Hourglasses have been
15 around for a while.

16 However, what we're seeing here is their
17 interpretation of that form in the way that it's so smooth and
18 so rounded, and I believe in my deposition I used the word
19 melted. It doesn't have those sort of hardened edges that we
20 see in some of the other prior art at the time.

21 Q. Okay. So we've now established the universe of prior art.
22 Can you tell us how that sort of plays into your analysis in
23 connection with these particular patents for each of the '256
24 and '723?

25 A. Yes. And I think maybe going back to the last side, I

1 think it's important to see that, you know, with our
2 understanding of what existed at the time, the '723 and '256
3 patents provided something that was really quite different,
4 quite radically different, and hadn't existed before it. So
5 in doing so, we see that the prior art is really quite far
6 away from the patents at issue, and, therefore, you would
7 understand that it has very broad scope.

8 Q. Okay. So we've now covered the first three steps of the
9 analysis. We've construed the claims, defined the ordinary
10 observer. We've gone through your understanding of the prior
11 art. What's the next step?

12 A. So the next step, if you go forward -- thank you.

13 THE COURT: Do you need some water?

14 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

15 THE COURT: Oh, you've got some. Okay.

16 BY THE WITNESS:

17 A. So in the next step, as I had mentioned before, first of
18 all, we do a direct comparison between the patent, the design
19 as a whole of the claimed part of the patent to the accused
20 product. And, again, of course my analysis was to the
21 physical product that I had at hand.

22 Here, as specifically, we're looking at a more sort
23 of broader look in this direct comparison to understand if are
24 they plainly dissimilar, are we looking at an apple and a
25 banana, or are we looking at similar products here.

1 where I compared in the first step Gyroor E to the '723 patent
2 and found they are not plainly dissimilar, and then comparing
3 to the prior art to understand how much effects the
4 differences have between the two products. I also found that
5 Gyroor E and the '723 are much closer together, not identical,
6 but much closer together than the prior art.

7 Q. To the judge's question, are there any notable differences
8 between the A, C, and now looking at E?

9 A. Yes. And, again, in the fender area, we see that it has a
10 somewhat shorter fender than Gyroor B, for instance. It may
11 be a little closer to A if we were looking at that part in
12 isolation. We see some differences around the lighting area
13 and the grooves are generally the same sort of feel; but when
14 we compare, we do see differences.

15 Q. Okay. As far as your infringement analysis, what is the
16 impact of those differences?

17 A. Because of how far away the '906 is, the impacts of those
18 is relatively insignificant on the overall impression. They
19 do -- they are part of the overall impression, and if we were
20 comparing only A, B, and E together, we would then be seeing a
21 narrowing down on those slight differences as being very
22 important. However, of course, when comparing directly to the
23 '906, we see how insignificant small differences are in
24 particular between the accused products and the patent.

25 Q. Okay. I just want to -- so with respect to the Gyroor E

1 and still perform the same function, then it would have to be
2 considered clearly primarily ornamental rather than primarily
3 functional.

4 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

5 BY MR. CHENG:

6 Q. And Mr. Hatch also mentioned that D '906 patent doesn't
7 have foot padding. However, the D '723 patent had the foot
8 padding, and because '723 has the foot padding and the accused
9 product A have the foot padding, they are somehow closer to
10 each other.

11 Do you agree with that analysis?

12 A. No. I don't agree with that because what we have to look
13 at in this instance is the '906 prior art design patent was
14 the first hoverboard ever invented. So hoverboards that would
15 be designed after that may have additional features on them
16 that are not in the prior art, and if it's not in the prior
17 art, what's considered the best prior art reference, that
18 doesn't mean that the alleged infringing product is -- is
19 infringing the claimed design, in this instance '723.

20 You have to look. Once you see that there are
21 features that are not in the prior art, then you have to start
22 evaluating those features between the alleged infringing
23 product with the claimed design, in this instance, the '723
24 patent.

25 Q. So you're saying the idea of adding the foot pad is not

1 And all of the photos that you included in your
2 report were provided by defendants' counsel; is that correct?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. So looking at the patents, I guess the '723, you would say
5 that the '723 patent has raised foot pads; is that correct?

6 A. I'm sorry, has what?

7 Q. Has raised foot pads?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Yes. And you would say the same for the '256 patent?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Are you aware of any other prior art patents with raised
12 foot pads?

13 A. I haven't looked at any. I mean, there may be, but I
14 haven't looked at any as far as pointing out whether this has
15 been done maybe in patents or hoverboards that were patented
16 prior to these two.

17 THE COURT: By raised foot pads, do you mean the foot
18 pads have grooves in them, or do you mean they're higher than
19 the center of the -- you testified earlier the foot pads
20 appear higher than the center, at least on the --

21 THE WITNESS: On the accused products.

22 THE COURT: -- on the accused products.

23 THE WITNESS: Right.

24 THE COURT: And you just said there are raised foot
25 pads in these patents. Are you referring to the grooves on

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1 is recessed, but not only is the foot pad raised, but the
2 actual pads themselves are also raised --

3 THE COURT: Okay.

4 THE WITNESS: -- on those surfaces.

5 THE COURT: Thanks. Thanks for clarifying that.

6 BY MS. STURM:

7 Q. And you would say that the '723 patent has fenders over
8 the wheels; is that correct?

9 A. Yeah, I don't have the '723 up here.

10 Okay. Yeah, go ahead.

11 Q. So you would say that the '723 patent has raised -- sorry,
12 has fenders; is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And the same for the '256; is that correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Are you aware of any prior art patents that have fenders?

17 A. Other than what's showed disclosed in the '906, I haven't
18 looked -- I mean, as far as my -- what I was retained for
19 here, I have not done any searching to see whether there's
20 other prior art patents out there that may have this. I'm
21 just looking at what was presented to me and the '906 prior
22 art.

23 Q. So you would say that none of the prior art patents that
24 were cited on the face of both the '256 and the '723, none of
25 those patents had fenders; is that correct?

1 hopefully you can come up with an agreed briefing schedule
2 whether it's one side seeking it, another side not, or whether
3 it's joint summary judgment motions. Either way, come up with
4 an agreed briefing schedule.

5 If you can't reach an agreement, note your
6 disagreements in an email to my courtroom deputy, and I'll
7 resolve the disagreements and we'll have a briefing schedule
8 on summary judgment, and then we'll proceed from here.

9 Okay. Last chance, any questions by plaintiff?

10 MR. LOMUSCIO: No, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Any questions by defendant?

12 MR. YAO: No, your Honor.

13 THE COURT: All right. Thank you all for a very
14 interesting presentation and for the witnesses and their time.
15 Thank you all.

16 (Which were all the proceedings heard.)

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18 We certify that the foregoing is a correct
19 transcript from the record of proceedings in the
20 above-entitled matter.

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